

The Oologah Informer

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Fundamentals of the Faith; Lesson 6
Sin - (Genesis 6:5-7)

PM Sermon:

Lord, are their few who will be saved?

Sunday AM Bible Class:

Daniel – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

John – R. Earl

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

On Channel 6-2 Sundays @ 7:30 am

The Truth in Love on Channel 47

Sundays @ 8am

Oologah Internet Radio Programs

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The plea of the churches of Christ is very simple. It is a desire to go back to the Bible and let it be the guide for all that we say and do. Actually, this is a Biblical plea that has been true ever since the Old Testament era. During the days of Jeremiah the prophet, six hundred years before Christ, we read, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls" (Jeremiah 6:16).



God has always desired that men follow His way in every generation of time from the beginning of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, to the present, and on until life on the earth will be no more when Jesus comes again.

All men today will be judged according to the old paths which is the New Testament. Jesus said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48; cf. Revelation 20:12). Friend, are you ready? Are you prepared to meet God?

Only when we lay aside the creeds, disciplines, and tenets of denominationalism and go back to the New Testament can we be right with the Lord. We must accept Gods old paths as our rule of faith and practice. Let us go back to the Bible.

This plea is...

A RETURN TO NEW TESTAMENT ORGANIZATION

There was no hierarchy in New Testament times as is seen today in denominations of men. There is no clergy/laity system in the scriptures. The organization of the church in the Bible was simple in its arrangement. No one congregation had any authority over any other congregation. Each one was autonomous (self-governing). There were elders (also called bishops and pastors) who were the overseers of their own local congregation of which they were members (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-3). God has given them the charge to see to it that what is done is done according to His Word. There were deacons who were special servants of the church (1 Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-4). There were members who were baptized

penitent believers (Acts 2:38,41,47; Ephesians 4:25). There were evangelists who preached the Word (1 Corinthians 9:16; Ephesians 4:11). Let us return to this Biblically authorized arrangement.

By Garland M. Robinson

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